

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts. (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1943.													
July ...	53	58	87	71	67	58	63	96	83	4	12	5	6
August ...	105	96	120	82	105	88	103	106	103	112	224	231	156
September ...	110	118	120	115	116	111	125	123	122	124	144	120	128
October ...	98	79	100	64	90	93	74	85	83	156	104	189	147
November ...	175	197	163	115	170	149	204	162	171	215	220	158	209
December ...	89	51	30	4	50	76	52	14	32	212	125	106	176
1944.													
January ...	95	42	13	17	45	87	42	9	28	232	119	33	178
February ...	70	78	11	112	58	83	56	11	32	29	70	12	37
March ...	19	50	57	30	41	15	52	55	49	54	51	25	50
April ...	34	33	105	70	61	52	36	104	80	4	48	102	28
May ...	122	123	155	63	127	169	118	134	135	27	51	232	59
June ...	21	13	13	19	16	21	13	12	14	62	62	20	57
July ...	109	67	41	61	70	102	59	41	53	188	105	43	148

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40, 536,907,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43 and 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44.

The British Government has entered into a contract with the Commonwealth to purchase the wool clips of Australia for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. The agreed average price for seasons 1939-40 to 1941-42 was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian Currency, per lb. This price was increased to 12·3625d. sterling or 15·4531d. Australian Currency per lb., commencing with the 1942-43 clip.

Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.

Month.	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
July ...	8,397	67,442	83,715	76,207	80,397	67,442	83,715	76,207
August ...	191,662	128,260	105,532	.....	272,059	195,702	189,247	.....
September ...	269,889	180,883	158,065	.....	541,948	376,585	347,312	.....
October ...	288,766	195,950	173,622	.....	830,714	572,535	520,934	.....
November ...	166,462	159,518	128,231	.....	997,176	732,053	649,165	.....
December ...	63,866	88,943	94,774	.....	1,061,042	820,996	743,939	.....
January ...	24,827	37,213	135,652	.....	1,085,863	858,209	879,591	.....
February ...	31,461	30,274	60,931	.....	1,117,324	888,483	940,522	.....
March ...	29,000	44,208	43,493	.....	1,146,324	932,691	984,015	.....
April ...	43,583	40,835	42,000	.....	1,189,907	973,526	1,026,015	.....
May ...	36,173	41,491	51,274	.....	1,226,080	1,015,017	1,077,289	.....
June ...	37,597	56,745	56,870	.....	1,263,677	1,071,762	1,134,159	.....

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average 1933-34	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1942-43	4,492,000	4,126,000	52,591,000	12·7
1940-41... ..	4,866,000	4,454,000	23,933,000	5·4
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6

According to returns collected in April to June, 1944, farmers intended to sow 3,143,000 acres for wheat in 1944-45. The corresponding area recorded at this time last year for the 1943-44 season was 3,060,000 acres.

4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in factories in the year ended June, 1944, was 6·3 per cent. less than in last season.

Since November, 1939, the British Government has purchased under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest was 137s. 2½d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports to July, 1942, and 142s. rod. since that date. The wholesale price for local consumption was fixed at 158s. 8d. per cwt. on 8th June, 1938, and increased to 166s. rod. on 6th March, 1942.

Month.	Output of Butter—(New South Wales factories).				
	Average. 1935-36 to 1937-38.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Thousand lb.					
Year ended 30th June ...	113,010	103,683	85,116	93,775	87,857
July	4,375	5,047	4,592	5,163	3,313
September	6,879	6,453	5,850	5,952	4,933
December	12,146	11,365	8,608	12,032	13,079
January	14,089	14,453	6,664	13,044	12,821
February	13,035	12,786	8,311	10,219	10,184
March	13,033	11,743	10,116	8,648	8,440
April	10,200	8,682	8,642	6,129	5,165
May	7,306	6,756	6,789	4,789	3,870
June	5,335	5,183	5,467	3,679	2,594

5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results, which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Thousand £.				Hundreds.				Hundred £.				
January ...	3,465	4,519	5,808	4,965	257	282	275	261	1,124	1,459	1,563	1,493
February ...	4,074	4,768	4,799	5,712	267	282	272	258	1,218	1,484	1,546	1,476
March ...	4,196	5,097	5,451	5,765	272	280	270	256	1,246	1,477	1,534	1,469
April ...	4,011	4,904	5,424	4,830	272	278	271	256	1,194	1,513	1,561	1,449
May ...	4,300	4,925	5,696	5,878	276	278	269	253	1,302	1,517	1,517	1,447
June ...	4,017	5,077	5,632	5,478	280	277	269	252	1,292	1,564	1,544	1,433
July ...	4,638	5,410	5,520	...	284	277	268	...	1,353	1,531	1,514	...
August ...	4,264	5,003	5,500	...	283	277	266	...	1,380	1,532	1,533	...
September ...	4,746	5,352	5,710	...	269	277	267	...	1,365	1,564	1,525	...
October ...	4,994	5,420	5,753	...	285	280	266	...	1,428	1,576	1,536	...
November ...	4,729	5,826	5,701	...	289	280	264	...	1,467	1,603	1,517	...
December ...	5,398	5,853	5,653	...	288	279	265	...	1,555	1,583	1,552	...
Average (January- December)	4,403	5,180	5,554	...	277	279	269	...	1,327	1,534	1,537	...

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 20.

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6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

(a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Year.	Month of July.				June Quarter.		
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Industrial and Rural Towns.	Total, New South Wales.*	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.		New Buildings.		New Buildings and Additions.
			No. of Permits.	Value.	No. of Permits.	Value.	
1942 ...	£ 60,556	£ 3,192	12	£ 14,240	265	£ 204,480	£ 603,941
1943 ...	201,089	39,436	14	20,363	73	33,352	490,033
1944 ...	153,895	19,971	41	76,277	116	57,408	520,040

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

(b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The following dissection of private building permits granted in Sydney and Suburbs and in 129 Industrial and Rural Towns in N.S.W. shows the total value for each of the principal classes of building :—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Month of July—	Sydney and Suburbs.						
1942	3	1	...	49	1	7	61
1943	2	4	2	153	2	38	201
1944	4	18	1	114	1	16	154
Seven Months ended 31st July							
1942	148	58	21	410	11	125	773
1943	21	26	4	973	8	136	868
1944	42	68	7	599	13	97	826
June Quarter—	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.						
1943	4	28	1	21	7	32	93
1944	5	51	1	34	8	42	141
Year ended 30th June,							
1943	19	118	4	89	18	118	366
1944	23	141	6	142	18	136	466

Includes (a) conversions to flats ; (b) shops with dwellings attached.

(c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to totals for private building shown above, values of work authorised and contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales were as follow :—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).			
	Month of July.		Seven months ended 31st July.	
	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Sydney and Suburbs ...	264	110	2,246	892
Remainder of State ...	84	47	880	471
Total, New South Wales ...	348	157	3,126	1,363

NOTE.—Temporary structures for protection against Air Raids and alterations for this purpose are, in general, excluded.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Million £.							
Year ended 31st December ...	192'97	200'29	202'79	229'03	238'65	240'54	...
January ...	14'21	13'24	16'33	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'02
February ...	15'73	16'54	14'64	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48
March ...	15'79	15'78	16'97	17'40	19'53	19'44	18'00
April ...	16'83	15'79	17'88	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68
May ...	16'87	17'46	14'85	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45
June ...	14'98	14'88	17'07	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67
July ...	16'23	15'28	16'74	17'63	19'17	19'81	...
August ...	15'29	16'81	17'17	20'41	20'86	18'75	...
September ...	17'45	19'44	17'48	21'60	19'59	19'93	...
October ...	15'66	19'22	18'50	18'25	22'06	20'80	...
November ...	16'93	17'53	18'13	20'58	19'54	21'07	...
December ...	17'00	18'32	17'03	20'28	20'98	19'61	...

8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended								
December—								
1938 ...	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942 ...	304	304	- 5·3	+ 9·2	- 5·1	- 8·4		
1943 ...	303	306	- 11·3	- 6·8	- 9·7	- 17·6		
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
1943.								
June ...	25	26	- 1·3	- 10·2	- 7·6	- 15·7	- 6·0	- 11·7
July ...	27	27	- 25·5	- 7·7	- 8·3	- 14·7	- 8·2	- 9·0
August ...	26	26	- 20·7	- 11·4	- 7·0	- 15·0	- 16·2	- 7·6
September ...	26	26	- 11·5	- 10·0	- 6·8	- 14·6	- 19·3	- 7·3
October ...	26	25	- 9·9	- 9·1	- 7·5	- 13·2	- 14·3	- 7·1
November ...	25	26	- 1·7	- 10·1	- 3·8	- 12·2	- 7·7	- 6·0
December ...	24	25	+ 5·4	- 12·8	- 5·3	- 11·4	- 1·6	- 5·5
1944.								
January ...	25	23	- 10·0	- 12·6	- 5·5	- 11·0	- 1·1	- 4·9
February ...	24	25	+ 1·6	- 2·9	+ 1·9	- 7·4	- 0·2	- 3·2
March ...	27	27	+ 10·4	- 5·1	- 1·3	- 8·8	+ 1·3	- 1·8
April ...	23	21	- 8·8	- 3·3	- 6·6	- 8·5	+ 0·5	- 2·2
May ...	26	27	+ 0·7	- 0·6	- 0·8	- 6·6	+ 0·5	- 2·9
June ...	26	25	+ 2·7	+ 0·8	- 2·2	- 7·5	- 1·8	- 3·2

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

9. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

		Month of June.			Year ended 30th June.		
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.* †	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.* †	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
1942	...	2,453,661	3,429,284	(—) 975,623	27,686,332	21,712,560	5,973,772
1943	...	2,817,162	4,508,375	(—) 1,691,213	34,071,958	27,343,105	6,728,853
1944	...	2,802,846	3,391,527	(—) 588,681	34,501,192	27,535,343	6,965,849

* Excluding capital charges, viz. interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc.

† Including amounts not applicable to a particular month.

		Month of June.		Year ended 30th June.	
		Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
		thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1942	...	1,576	19,478	18,651	218,846
1943	...	1,696	20,522	19,678	237,441
1944	...	1,635	21,023	19,424	250,566

* Partly estimated.

10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Details for Month of June are not available.						
Year ended 30th June—						
1942	4,986,880	687,970	441,983	442,532	95,218	34,655
1943	5,079,472	548,750	460,975	502,373	87,078	39,976
1944	5,169,451	487,029	491,095	530,868	67,775	43,427

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1930. 31st August.	1943.		1944.				
		31st July.	31st December.	31st March.	30th April.	31st May.	30th June.	31st July.
Cars	216,633	173,440	177,245	178,986	179,539	180,000	180,938	181,254
Lorries and Vans	77,639	72,500	75,068	76,450	76,901	77,528	78,023	78,307
Trailers	6,538	6,967	7,409	7,679	7,775	7,857	7,621	7,655
Tractors†	1,102	1,402	1,429	1,455	1,466	1,494	1,517	1,541
Cycles—Solo	17,111	9,628	9,842	10,016	10,132	10,201	11,162	11,186
Cycles—Side-car	6,884	4,528	4,518	4,581	4,585	4,600	3,735	3,769
Omnibuses	794	917	913	931	936	944	977	985
Taxi-cabs	1,331	1,349	1,348	1,348	1,349	1,349	1,349	1,349
Traders' Plates	1,187	612	634	609	612	618	624	628
Total	329,219	271,343	278,406	282,055	283,295	284,591	285,946	286,674

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.*

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.
1940	333	268	243	176	115	63	110	106	114	103	70	60
1941	163	167	121	89	40	20	70	71	47	46	40	43
1942	26	18	20	21	29	17	25	23	24	16	10	13
1943	19	7	7	6	4	6	8	13	17	40	45	60
1944	5	4	5	4	6	4	74	88	83	84	84	73

* Excluding trailers.

12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	444,522	485,854	503,346	527,733	556,775
February	446,927	488,362	500,449	533,597	561,066
March	447,310	491,816	502,810	536,795	560,665
April	451,218	494,004	503,494	537,319	561,638
May	455,162	495,238	500,565	543,419	563,277
June	458,155	494,884	500,451	552,044	560,032
July	474,228	494,904	506,566	546,856	559,106

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits. †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.		
			1942.	1943.	1944.
	£		£	£	£
1933	72,307,685	January	92,972,902	109,220,389	146,283,258
1934	75,714,070	February	90,647,010	112,817,955	150,374,605
1935	77,906,402	March	89,458,641	115,641,889	154,153,971
1936	79,999,948	April	91,110,603	115,500,011	156,024,547
1937	81,952,399	May	92,925,282	118,016,266	157,044,862
1938	86,015,685	June†	94,537,937	122,405,481	162,867,225
1939	87,473,789	July	97,330,938	126,688,719	166,751,050
1940	82,110,900	August	99,727,345	130,518,639	.....
1941	87,750,208	September	101,385,379	134,162,891	.....
1942	94,537,937	October	103,583,441	136,326,132	.....
1943	122,405,481	November	104,929,899	138,328,054	.....
1944	162,867,225	December	105,744,876	142,108,496	.....

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £16,013,484 as at 31st July, 1944, including £275,152 net receipts in July.

14. TRADING BANKS*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.

June Quarter.	Deposits.	Cash in Aust.†	Treasury Bills.	Govt. and Municipal Securities.	Special War-time Deposits with Comw'th Bank.	Advances.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 ...	353,124	38,986	41,760	41,857	...	286,784
1941 ...	367,702	36,365	41,103	61,251	...	283,054
1942 ...	389,112	38,582	39,559	56,278	36,797	269,944
1943 ...	457,960	32,392	60,792	72,993	100,401	244,776
1944 ...	540,613	38,467	64,400	84,313	178,600	224,858

*Nine Private Banks.

† Exclusive of London Funds.

15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

June Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Total.		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 ...	60,392	66,276	126,668	117,910	8,758
1941 ...	69,855	65,814	135,669	113,890	21,779
1942 ...	81,308	61,784	143,092	107,896	35,196
1943 ...	103,413	64,165	167,578	93,349	74,229
1944 ...	128,215	73,040	201,255	83,917	117,338

16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Amount—Million £								Index Numbers.						
January ...	67.5	66.5	82.7	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	97	98	110	117	123	136	150
February ...	75.6	75.5	88.9	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	96	96	110	114	123	139	147
March ...	82.6	80.5	87.8	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	95	93	107	110	119	138	146
April ...	75.7	70.7	84.3	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	102	98	111	111	125	150	150
May ...	82.9	82.0	90.2	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.6	103	100	111	117	125	155	158
June ...	86.8	80.3	94.5	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	106	101	115	123	133	163	166
July ...	70.5	71.2	94.6	98.9	99.7	114.3	123.0	101	98	116	125	130	155	168
August ...	72.9	74.9	83.6	87.0	99.0	122.7	...	101	99	118	123	135	160	...
September ...	77.6	74.9	84.5	94.9	105.6	116.5	...	99	99	117	124	134	155	...
October ...	79.5	78.0	90.1	101.8	115.0	115.5	...	101	100	113	123	138	152	...
November ...	82.7	86.1	93.5	99.6	105.0	129.3	...	102	102	114	124	135	149	...
December ...	88.1	91.7	100.1	104.9	121.6	127.3	...	102	106	115	124	136	150	...
Year ...	942.4	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	...	101	100	113	120	131	151	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

17. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated. 2 years.	Long- dated. 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1937	5'3	5'0	3'44	3'75	3'84	...	...
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'73	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1942	5'4	4'9	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'45	3'24
1943	5'0	4'7	2'43	2'72	2'96	2'48	3'23
Months—			2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1944—January ...	5'0	4'5	2'36	2'75	3'04	2'47	3'24
March	5'0	4'5	2'40	2'69	3'02	2'48	3'24
April	5'0	4'5	2'38	2'68	3'00	2'48	3'24
May	5'0	4'4	2'32	2'69	2'94	2'48	3'24
June	5'0	4'4	2'32	2'62	2'95	2'49	3'24
July	5'0	4'5	2'31	2'58	2'93	2'50	3'24

* Average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.					Amount of Mortgages.*				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	Thousand £.									
January	1,884	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,480	1,148	916	595	383
February	2,524	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,506	1,428	1,329	975	390	611
March	2,464	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	1,686	1,320	996	503	663
April	2,392	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,560	1,305	891	536	302
May	2,908	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	1,449	1,344	526	381	495
June	2,464	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	1,305	1,273	599	400	687
July	3,217	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	1,748	1,470	622	399	542
August	2,259	2,545	1,671	1,379	...	1,099	1,213	451	450	...
September	3,149	2,941	1,616	1,551	...	1,240	1,571	516	432	...
October	2,885	3,013	1,514	1,549	...	1,144	1,413	423	618	...
November	2,430	2,458	1,942	1,558	...	1,259	1,022	530	558	...
December	2,477	2,972	1,260	1,592	...	1,099	1,242	562	494	...
Year	31,053	33,239	21,609	17,542	...	16,497	15,630	8,007	5,756	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of July.			Seven months ended 31st July.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1942	140,039	162,184	77,539	1,400,830	1,736,670	484,308
1943	129,878	247,865	80,983	1,157,814	1,383,765	485,490
1944	72,856	225,240	29,164	811,190	1,064,136	353,716

See note under Table 18. * Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household, Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.
	(a)				(b)	(c)				(d)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	94.5	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	158.8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	202.1	53.6	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
Nov. ...	144.3	411.1	555.4	25.8	210.5	50.5	79.8	41.5	44.6	52.6
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	213.3	44.2	80.3	32.3	36.0	46.0
Dec. ...	154.5	375.4	529.9	25.0	215.7	36.1	79.9	31.9	35.7	44.5
1943—Mar. ...	156.2	372.1	528.3	24.7	218.4	34.3	80.2	29.3	34.9	44.4
June ...	155.8	367.9	523.7	25.2	218.9	31.1	80.2	28.9	33.5	43.5
July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	217.4	29.9	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
Aug. ...	155.9	364.9	520.8	25.0	217.5	30.9	80.2	28.5	33.6	43.4
Sept. ...	155.0	365.0	520.0	25.0	217.8	29.9	80.6	28.4	33.4	43.8
Oct. ...	154.9	364.9	519.8	25.1	217.9	29.2	80.8	28.3	33.4	43.9
Nov. ...	153.9	366.2	520.1	25.0	218.0	29.1	80.9	28.2	33.8	44.1
Dec. ...	152.6	369.2	521.8	24.7	217.3	28.8	80.9	29.7	33.5	44.5
1944—Jan. ...	152.5	369.6	522.1	24.6	217.9	28.1	81.5	28.4	34.1	44.8
Feb. ...	153.0	369.6	522.6	24.7	217.7	28.0	82.2	28.3	34.2	44.7
Mch. ...	152.4	370.8	523.2	24.7	218.0	28.1	81.9	28.3	34.5	44.9
April ...	151.6	369.8	521.4	24.5	216.5	27.5	82.3	28.4	34.3	45.0
May ...	152.3	369.2	521.5	24.6	216.2	27.0	82.8	28.5	34.2	45.0
June ...	152.3	369.9	522.2	24.4	216.5	25.7	84.4	28.6	34.5	45.1
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	36.3	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	59.3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	76.0	0.7	8.1	40.9	17.6	56.8
Nov. ...	23.0	201.5	224.5	0.2	80.7	0.7	8.4	42.9	19.4	58.0
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	84.8	0.7	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
Dec. ...	35.1	208.9	244.0	0.2	91.1	0.7	10.6	41.9	21.0	59.8
1943—Mar. ...	38.7	207.8	246.5	0.2	92.6	0.7	11.4	39.7	21.0	61.6
June ...	42.9	206.8	249.7	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.3	39.1	20.7	62.2
July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
Aug. ...	46.5	205.0	251.5	0.2	95.3	0.7	13.2	38.1	20.8	62.7
Sept. ...	46.7	206.5	253.2	0.2	96.4	0.7	13.1	38.0	20.8	63.3
Oct. ...	46.8	207.9	254.7	0.2	96.5	0.7	13.2	38.0	20.9	64.3
Nov. ...	47.0	208.3	255.3	0.2	96.2	0.7	13.4	38.3	20.8	64.4
Dec. ...	46.4	210.0	256.4	0.2	95.5	0.7	13.4	40.1	20.8	64.1
1944—Jan. ...	46.6	205.5	252.1	0.2	93.3	0.7	13.5	37.5	20.6	64.4
Feb. ...	47.2	205.5	252.7	0.2	93.1	0.7	13.8	37.3	20.6	64.8
Mch. ...	47.0	207.0	254.0	0.2	93.9	0.7	13.6	37.1	20.4	65.5
April ...	46.8	205.1	251.9	0.2	92.5	0.7	13.6	37.0	20.3	65.0
May ...	46.0	205.6	251.6	0.2	91.8	0.7	13.7	37.3	20.2	65.2
June ...	45.3	205.1	250.4	0.2	90.5	0.7	13.8	37.3	20.3	65.4
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	130.8	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	218.1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	278.1	54.3	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.3
Nov. ...	167.3	612.6	779.9	26.0	291.2	51.2	88.2	84.4	64.0	110.6
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	298.1	44.9	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
Dec. ...	189.6	584.3	773.9	25.2	306.8	36.8	90.5	73.8	56.7	104.3
1943—Mar. ...	194.9	579.9	774.8	24.9	311.0	35.0	91.6	69.0	55.9	106.0
June ...	198.7	574.7	773.4	25.4	313.5	31.8	92.5	68.0	54.2	105.7
July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	312.0	30.6	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
Aug. ...	202.4	569.9	772.3	25.2	312.8	31.6	93.4	66.6	54.4	106.1
Sept. ...	201.7	571.5	773.2	25.2	314.2	30.6	93.7	66.4	54.2	107.1
Oct. ...	201.7	572.8	774.5	25.3	314.4	29.9	94.0	66.3	54.3	108.2
Nov. ...	200.9	574.5	775.4	25.2	314.2	29.8	94.3	66.5	54.6	108.5
Dec. ...	199.0	579.2	778.2	24.9	312.8	29.5	94.3	69.8	54.3	108.6
1944—Jan. ...	199.1	575.1	774.2	24.8	311.2	28.8	95.0	65.9	54.7	109.2
Feb. ...	200.2	575.1	775.3	24.9	310.8	28.7	96.0	65.6	54.8	109.5
Mch. ...	199.4	577.8	777.2	24.9	311.9	28.8	95.5	65.4	54.9	110.4
April ...	198.4	574.9	773.3	24.7	309.0	28.2	95.9	65.4	54.6	110.0
May ...	198.3	574.8	773.1	24.8	308.0	27.7	96.5	65.8	54.4	110.2
June ...	197.6	575.0	772.6	24.6	307.0	26.4	98.2	65.9	54.8	110.5

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers for July, 1943, and later months are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Allied Works projects.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

NOTE.—Estimates of employment in principal industries shown above replace former data which related to pay-roll Tax returns only.

21. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1934.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
January ...	100	103	93	100	110	119	125	136	141	141	164	155
February ...	100	105	95	100	112	122	125	135	142	145	159	161
March ...	100	102	95	97	111	121	130	130	143	146	164	165
April ...	100	104	96	101	110	119	125	137	141	147	164	162
May ...	100	106	95	100	110	122	128	128	146	144	166	172
June ...	100	103	99	103	114	127	131	135	150	154	174	176
July ...	100	105	97	100	112	126	134	139	149	158	171	177
August ...	100	106	97	103	107	128	135	137	151	157	181	...
September ...	100	108	97	101	113	123	134	134	151	158	171	...
October ...	100	109	96	104	113	121	135	137	154	163	162	...
November ...	100	109	97	104	116	124	136	139	152	161	164	...
December ...	100	105	99	106	116	124	131	138	153	165	163	...
Year ...	100	105	96	102	112	123	131	135	148	154	167	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

22. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—March ...	1,005	1,045	1,211	1,085	1,070	14'7
June ...	1,034	1,043	1,279	1,089	1,096	17'5
September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
December ...	1,060	1,042	1,382	1,140	1,138	22'0
1943—March ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
December ...	1,015	1,042	1,449	1,179	1,143	22'5
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5

23. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	Quarterly adjustment commencing—							
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	...	97 0	97 0	97 0	...

* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December

24. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1929	2	0.57	21	14 5	25	19 5	200	11 5	4	4 11
1938	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 2
1939	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944—January	2	4.63	25	1 6	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
March	2	4.63	24	7 10	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
April	2	4.63	25	14 6	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
May	2	4.63	27	14 4	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
June	2	4.63	26	10 5	29	4 4	283	1 6	10	9 5

25. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1943—July ...	235.4	181.4	143.2	133.0	254.1	181.0	197.6
August ...	235.7	189.2	145.2	133.1	254.1	182.7	198.9
Sept. ...	236.1	191.8	145.4	134.0	254.1	183.7	199.9
Oct. ...	236.5	192.8	146.6	134.3	254.1	184.3	200.3
Nov. ...	236.7	193.9	147.8	135.3	254.1	184.9	200.5
Dec. ...	236.9	193.8	148.2	135.0	254.1	185.2	200.4
1944—Jan. ...	237.1	193.8	148.3	135.0	254.1	185.4	200.4
Feb. ...	237.0	193.8	149.3	135.0	254.1	185.6	200.6
March ...	237.1	194.0	149.7	135.1	254.1	185.7	200.7
April ...	237.2	194.0	150.1	136.9	254.1	185.8	201.0
May ...	237.1	193.8	150.1	138.7	254.1	185.9	201.1
June ...	237.2	194.3	150.4	138.7	254.1	186.0	201.1
July ...	237.3	195.3	150.4	138.8	254.1	186.1	201.6

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1943, was 2,852,932 or 39.3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1942, 1,384,380).

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